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SUBJECT: PARLIAMENT TO BE RECONVENED

1. LESS THAN 24 HOURS AFTER PARLIAMENT RECESSED, THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS DECIDED JULY 5 TO CALL PARLIAMENT INTO EMERGENCY SESSION TO COMPLETE LEGISLATION ON "NECESSARY" BILLS. PRIMIN DEMIREL, IN A STATEMENT TO THE PRESS, EXPLAINED THAT "DUE TO THE DIFFICULTIES CAUSED BY THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION PARTY, THE GIVEN PERIOD FOR LEGISLATION OF THE BILLS ON THE AGENDA BEFORE RECESS WAS NOT ENOUGH." A DATE FOR THE RECALL HAS NOT BEEN SET PENDING THE SIGNATURE OF THE RECALL REQUEST BY THE REQUIRED ONE-FIFTH OF ONE HOUSE'S MEMBERS.

2. CITED BY DEMIREL AS REQUIRING ACTION WERE A SUPPLEMENTAL
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DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS BILL, A LIFTING OF THE REQUIREMENT

TO KEEP TAX BOOKS FOR ARTISANS AND FARMERS, VARIOUS MEASURES AFFECTING OVERSEAS WORKERS (PRESUMABLY INCLUDING A BILL TO PERMIT ABSENTEE BALLOTING), TWO BILLS CONCERNING RELIGIOUS PERSONNEL AND THE ORGANIZATION OF THE RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, AND RATIFICATION OF AGREEMENTS WITH WEST GERMANY AND SYRIA.

3. BEFORE ADJOURNING, THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON JULY 3 DEFEATED A REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP) ATTEMPT TO PLACE A CENSURE MOTION AGAINST INTERIOR MINISTER ON THE AGENDA (ANKARA 5148). THE OPPOSITION DEMOCRATIC PARTY ABSTAINED AND ALMOST ALL INDEPENDENTS SIDED WITH THE GOVERNMENT. THE INDEPENDENTS CAUCUSED BEFORE THE VOTE AND SELECTED SADETTIN BILGIC "GROUP CHAIRMAN." BAHRI DAGDAS AND MEHMET ALI ARSAN, THE LATTER OF WHOM HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY CRITICAL OF THE GOVERNMENT, WERE ELECTED DEPUTY CHAIRMEN. A STATEMENT RELEASED BY THE GROUP INDICATED THAT IN THE FUTURE, THE INDEPENDENTS WILL ACT IN UNISON. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT THE GROUP WAS FORMED AT DEMIREL'S SUGGESTION, AND THAT THE INDEPENDENTS WILL BE REWARDED WITH A CABINET POSITION, PROBABLY ONE PRESENTLY HELD BY THE JUSTICE PARTY, TO STRENGTHEN THEIR SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT.

4. OF THE 22 PRIORITY BILLS ON THE AGENDA, ONLY THREE WERE COMPLETELY LEGISLATED BEFORE THE JULY 4 RECESS: (A) A SALARY INCREASE FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL, (B) A WORKER'S SEVERANCE PAY INCREASE FROM 15 DAYS TO 30 DAYS PER YEAR OF SERVICE AND (C) A LOWERING OF THE REQUIREMENT TO QUALIFY FOR RETIREMENT PENSIONS TO 20 YEARS FOR FEMALE CIVIL SERVANTS. BERGUS

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